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**T**WENTY years ago Dr. Freud was the same kind of interesting and inconspicuous private citizen as Rudolf Kassner or Karl Eugen Neumann—and all three men, by the way, are of similar age. He was essentially the same then as now; there was living in him an intuition which gave him the key to a great maze of the most secret and silenced processes operating not only in the individual but in the community as well. No one had ever before held this key in his hand with such awareness—with the exception of the poets. But the poets—who have held this key firmly and at all times—were prevented from using it except as something priestly, veiled and esoteric. As to Dr. Freud, with the boldness and the fanatical zeal of an inventor and a discoverer he has made a far reaching exoteric use of the key in his hands.—*By Hugo von Hofmannsthal in the Dial.*